Friday, March 11, 2005
Peaceful Counter-Protest to Rev. Phelps
Acacia Park

Sponsoring Organizations:
Citizens Project, Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Inside/Out Youth Services, Metropolitan Community Church, First Congregational Church, Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission, Southern Colorado AIDS Project, High Plains Unitarian Church, and Colorado College Equal

Rev. Phelps sends a derogatory and hateful message to Palmer students, faculty, staff, and the larger community. Our organizations and their volunteers are not here to argue with Rev. Phelps', but rather to counter his message with one of affirmation and support for Palmer students (regardless of their sexual orientation).

All supporters of this message are invited to stand with us. We request each person to commit to our accountability code.

Accountability code: The cosponsors and their volunteers are here to support the students of Palmer High School, NOT to confront or engage Rev. Phelps or his supporters. Therefore,

- We stand together with a unified message of support for ALL students,
- We will not engage in word or deed with Phelps or his supporters, and
- We will stay together as a group in a single location.

Phelps has an ability to make people angry and it is up to each of us to control our anger. Some suggestions:

- Wear earphones and tune his message out with music,
- Stand deeper in the crowd so that you don't have to be close to Phelps,
- Ask someone to hold your hand if you feel yourself getting angry, or
- Seek out one of the clergy in attendance to talk to.

Remember: Don't shout, don't touch, DON'T ENGAGE!!!!

Also, do not block street or pedestrian traffic. Please follow the instructions of the organizational leaders wearing the large Citizens Project T-shirts and the clergy leaders.

Thank you for your participation.